

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

CLAIM 1. (Amended) An improved counter-rotating compression machine comprising:

[a]) a housing containing at least two counter-rotating compressor blade rows, each compressor blade row having a plurality of compressor blades;

a¹ [b]) a boundary layer collector associated with at least one of said compressor blades;

[c]) at least one passage in said at least one compressor blade which is associated with said boundary collector, said passage being in communication with said collector and leading to a location away from the flow of said compression machine.

T Add new claim 13 as follows:

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~~13~~ An improved counterrotating compression machine comprising:

a housing having a compressor section and a turbine section;

at least one rotating turbine blade row in said turbine section;

a² two rotating compressor blade rows rotatably mounted in said compressor section, said compressor blade rows being counterrotating relative to each other and each row including a plurality of compressor blades;

a boundary layer collector associated with at least one of said compressor blades;

a passage connected with said collector within said at least one of said compressor blades, said passage leading to a location away from the flow of said compression machine.--